

July 2017

## City Council Members:

- Ron Bigelow, Mayor
- Don Christensen, At-Large
- Lars Nordfelt, At-Large
- Tom Huynh, District 1
- Steve Buhler, District 2
- Karen Lang, District 3
- Steve Vincent, District 4

## Public Meetings:

City Council – first four Tuesdays of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

Planning Commission – second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 4 p.m. in the Council Chambers.

## City Phone Numbers:

Main Number.....801-966-3600  
 Police Dispatch.....801-840-4000  
 Fire Department.....801-963-3336  
 Emergency.....911  
 Fitness Center.....801-955-4000  
 Garbage.....801-955-3720  
 Storm Water Utility.....801-963-3334  
 Code Enforcement.....801-963-3289

## Website:

[www.wvc-ut.gov](http://www.wvc-ut.gov)

## City Hall Address:

West Valley City Hall  
 3600 S. Constitution Blvd.  
 WVC, UT 84119

## City Hall Hours:

Monday – Thursday  
 7 a.m. – 6 p.m.



## AUGUST is NATIONAL NIGHT OUT and WVC NEIGHBORHOOD NIGHTS

Having a neighborhood party is a great way to strengthen a neighborhood by renewing and building new friendships!

Register your neighborhood event

**BEFORE JULY 20**

[www.wvc-ut.gov/nno](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/nno)

If you have never organized a block party before, there is also a handy **Block Party Guide** to help with the process.

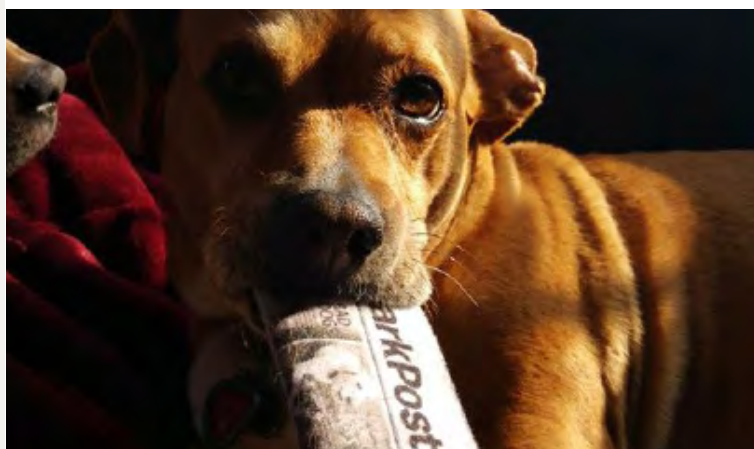


## THE FACE OF UTAH SCULPTURE XIII

13 JULY - 30 AUGUST  
 GALLERY HOURS ARE MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY FROM 9AM TO 6PM, OR BY ARRANGEMENT  
 OPENING RECEPTION JULY 13, 6-8PM

## Bark Post: A Monthly Column

By Amalee, Community Watchdog



### Keeping Pets Safe From Fireworks And Storms

The dog days of summer are finally here! I can't wait to go for walks, as long as I don't have to be on the pavement when it's hot enough to burn my paw pads. Early morning and evening are best.

Although I love summer with all of my doggie heart, there is one thing I really, really hate. Actually, two things: fireworks and thunderstorms! When I sniff a hint of rain, I tremble. And when fireworks go off for ball games, holiday celebrations, or in the neighbors' driveway, I am terrified! I'm convinced it's a full blown invasion out there. No amount of reassurance from my humans can persuade me we're safe from the big noises! I want to run and hide! Many animals feel this way.

So what's a pet's person to do? Here are some tips:

- Leave your pet indoors. A panicked pet may find a way over the fence or out of the yard. Being inside will help them feel safer.

- Close windows to mute sounds from fireworks or storms.
- Play music or watch a war movie to drown out the noise from fireworks.
- Don't reinforce your pet's feelings of alarm. Act as if everything is normal.
- Try purchasing a calming collar and/or thunder shirt to help your pet relax.
- Distract your pet with a new toy.
- For dogs, freeze a Kong toy stuffed with peanut butter and treats.
- Monitor your dog to ensure they don't try to break out of their kennel or eat through doors and walls out of panic. Think this couldn't happen? Ask me about the door I ate my way through.
- Speaking of eating through doors, sometimes a pet's anxiety about thunder and fireworks is bad enough that we need professional help—your veterinarian can recommend a sedative.
- If your pet goes missing, realize they may travel a long way when frightened. It is essential to search the shelters and continue looking.
- Prevent problems by ensuring your pet has an up-to-date license and microchip, and is wearing a collar with a tag that includes the pet's name, current address, and phone number.
- If you are having people over for a summer holiday, make sure your pet has a safe, quiet place to retreat to so they are not overwhelmed.

You may never understand my fear of thunder and fireworks, but there are things I don't understand about you either, like why you're always staring at your phone! Please know that I work hard to protect you all summer—barking at trespassers and keeping watch; I need you to protect me too.

Thanks for listening, Amalee



## Parks & Recreation Month

July is Parks & Recreation Month, and we're celebrating in West Valley City by offering \$1 admission to the Family Fitness Center the weekend of July 14 through 16.

Can't make it to the Family Fitness Center? Get out and enjoy 29 city parks, two golf courses, and the all-new West Valley Skate Park. Learn more at [www.wvc-ut.gov/parks](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/parks).

Get your play on!





## Stormwater Pollution Prevention: Grass Clippings



With the rains that usually occur in spring, many of us have to mow our lawns more often. Heavy rains and frequent mowing can contribute to grass clippings ending up in storm water runoff, as they are blown into the street eventually enter the street storm drain.

Lawn clippings, fertilizers, soil, leaves, or animal wastes contain phosphorus which, according to the U.S. EPA, is one of the most troublesome pollutants in storm water runoff. Phosphorous is

considered the primary cause of water quality problems in our lakes, ponds and streams.

Keep your grass clippings on the lawn and not in the street or gutter.

- Make certain that you do not blow grass clippings into the street.
- Do not use a hose to wash grass clippings into the street or storm drains.
- Sweep up grass clippings or blow them back into the lawn
- Do not over fertilize your lawn. Apply only the amount of fertilizer your lawn needs.

Remember, when you keep your lawn clippings on your lawn, you are adding free fertilizer!

More information on stormwater best management practices is available at [www.wvc-ut.gov/stormwater](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/stormwater).

## Youth City Council



The West Valley City Youth City Council has had a busy spring with a number of projects and activities keeping the city's youth closely involved in their local government.

This year's activities, so far, have included attending the Utah Local Day at the Legislature, where five members of the Youth City Council participated in the mock debate. The Council also attended the annual Power of Prevention Conference held at the Utah Cultural Celebration Center. Most importantly, the Council spent many hours working with the city's Legal Department to write a resolution regarding

the sale of nicotine products in West Valley City; the resolution was then presented to the West Valley City Council during a study meeting.

In addition to legislative activities, the Youth City Council spent time volunteering at many city events, including the University Diversity Mash-up (a motivational afternoon for groups of elementary students), and WestFest. The council wrapped up spring activities with a swimming/pizza party at the Family Fitness Center.

The Youth City Council is accepting applications for new members. If you are a high school student (grades 9-12) who is interested in this great group and learning about city government, contact Leslie Hudson at 801-965-7092 or [leslie.hudson@wvc-ut.gov](mailto:leslie.hudson@wvc-ut.gov). There are lots of exciting activities planned for the summer!

## Upcoming Events

#ThursdayLeague Food Trucks  
Every Thursday, 5 - 9 PM  
Fairbourne Station

### July

- 4 Independence Day Holiday  
City Offices Closed
- 5 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow  
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM
- 6 Summer at the Station Free Concert  
Featuring The Cabana Band  
Fairbourne Station, 6:30 PM
- 7 Free Movie in the Park: Ever After  
Centennial Park, 9 PM
- 10 WorldStage Free Concert  
Featuring West Valley Symphony  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7:30 PM
- 12 Community Meeting with Chief Russo  
City Hall, 7 PM
- 13 Face of Utah Sculpture XIII Exhibit  
(through August 30)  
Cultural Celebration Center
- 13 Professional Standards Review  
Board Meeting (Citizens' Review  
Board)  
City Hall, 9 AM
- 14 SkateJam  
West Valley Skate Park, 6 - 8 PM
- 17 WorldStage Free Concert  
Featuring Utah Swing Orchestra  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7:30 PM
- 18 Bicycle Safety Rodeo  
(Waiver required; email  
[communityservices@wvc-ut.gov](mailto:communityservices@wvc-ut.gov) for  
info)  
Hunter Library, 5 - 7 PM
- 20 Summer at the Station Free Concert  
Featuring Retrospect  
Fairbourne Station, 6:30 PM
- 21 Free Movie in the Park: Percy  
Jackson & the Lightning Thief  
Fairbourne Station, 9 PM
- 24 Pioneer Day Holiday - City Offices  
Closed
- 31 WorldStage Free Concert  
Featuring Imagine (Beatles Tribute)  
Cultural Celebration Center, 7:30 PM

### August

- 1 National Night Out Block Parties  
Register at [www.wvc-ut.gov/nno](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/nno)
- 2 Meet with Mayor Ron Bigelow  
City Hall, 4:30 - 6 PM

Visit [wvc-ut.gov/events](http://wvc-ut.gov/events) for a complete list.

**Harman Senior Recreation Center  
Calendar:** [www.wvc-ut.gov/harman](http://www.wvc-ut.gov/harman)